

It is a drastic waste of both money and time for the FCC to be considering mandating solutions to such broad-reaching efforts as geographical identification of 911 calls over Internet phones. Such overregulation breaks with American tradition, in that it imposes strict regulations on an industry still in its infancy (Voice-over-IP telephony) and even stricter regulations on a telecommunications medium (the Internet) with ever-expanding potential to revolutionize the market for communications devices. Left to their own, VoIP companies will surely find ways to offer 911 emergency services to those customers who desire them; not all will, as many people have alternate ways of contacting emergency services.

The Internet is a communications infrastructure where the ground shifts every week. Engaging the federal government in an inventory of all Internet access points, wireless and otherwise, is not only an exercise in futility, it is a shameless waste of taxpayers' money.